

**From:** [Geist, Laura \(DHHS\)](#)  
**To:** [Kevin I. Bagatta, Esq - Comcast](#)  
**Cc:** [Derman, Barbara \(DHHS\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Contract draft  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 4, 2018 2:56:00 PM

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Hi Kevin,

It looks like the full amount will be TANF. The budget coding is being finalized now.

Thank you,  
Laura

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Hi Laura:

Just reviewed the present draft in the e-grams system.

Paragraph 2A states:

“The grant agreement is designated as a:  
    (X) Subrecipient relationship (federal funding); or  
    ( ) Recipient (non-federal funding)”

Attachment 1 now states “650,000” from TANF. HOWEVER, the appropriation and contract value is \$700,000.

Is the remining \$50,000 state funds? Where would that show on the contract?

Thanks,

Kevin

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**From:** "Geist, Laura (DHHS)" <[GeistL1@michigan.gov](mailto:GeistL1@michigan.gov)>  
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Hi Kevin,

Thank for clarifying what you are looking at. I do believe that this is still funded with TANF, so the subrecipient relationship is most likely correct. The current agreement does have a subrecipient relationship type, as well.

I expect we will have the finalized budget coding by the middle of next week, and then I will be able to say for certain.

Thank you!  
Laura

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Hi Laura:

Paragraph 2A does state:

“The grant agreement is designated as a:  
    (X) Subrecipient relationship (federal funding); or  
    ( ) Recipient (non-federal funding)”

The “subrecipient relationship” language is check marked in the present draft. This designation

would activate certain requirements in the grant for us. We'll wait till see what Attachment 1 states, right now it states "0."

Thanks,

Kevin

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**From:** "Geist, Laura (DHHS)" <[GeistL1@michigan.gov](mailto:GeistL1@michigan.gov)>  
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Hi Kevin,

MDHHS uses state, private, and federal dollars to fund our agreements. Paragraph 2A actually does not indicate what source your funding comes from. It refers you to Attachment 1 for that information. The amounts in paragraph 2A are

1. the total amount of your agreement (this could include other sources, such as funds contributed by your agency as match – you aren't doing this, but you could) and
2. the portion of the total agreement amount that is from MDHHS.

Our budget staff enter specific funding information into EGrAMS, but this does not occur until after Paulette approves. As of right now, your Attachment 1 only shows a part of the funding. I expect this will be finalized in the next few days once Paulette's approval is complete.

Thank you,  
Laura

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Hi Laura:

Seems paragraph 2A conflicts with Attachment 1 of draft contract in e-grams system. Federal or state funding?

Thanks

Kevin I. Bagatta

Begin forwarded message:

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Hum, I saw that it identified TANF funds and checks FED under the info section budget information funding and in Attachment E.

There may be a distinction with federal funding provided by the department and how TANF funds are distributed that Attachment 1 refers to, I'm not sure. I suggest you bring this question to Laura Geist's attention. She is much more familiar with the workings of the standard contract language.

I have already approved at the program level. So sent it to the next step, either Laura or Paulette, not sure which. I'll check

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Hi Quess:

I was in the e-grams system this morning and saw the draft contract is under "program manager review." One thing to note is that the present version seems to suggest the program is going to be funded with federal dollars HOWEVER, the section that describes the federal dollars states NO federal dollars are being used.

Paragraph 2A conflicts with Attachment 1.

Thanks,

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